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Applicant(s): Daniel A. Gutknecht  
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TURBOCHARGER AND METHOD

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.